

APPROVED MINUTES
ARTS COMMISSION
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes: Meeting of the Arts Commission (AC)
Date of Meeting: Monday, April 24, 2006
Place of Meeting: Milpitas City Hall, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd., Committee Conference Room

I. Call to Order The Chair called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance The Chair led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call Commissioners Present: Rabe, Foulk, McGuire, Hays, McGuire, Ogle, Ettinger, Alternate's Aragon (7:09pm) and Butler

City Staff Present: Recreation Services Supervisor, Kathleen Yurchak, Public Services Clerk, Tirzah Cedillo

City Council Liaison Present: Council Member Giordano

IV. Seating of Alternates Alternate Butler was seated for past Commissioner Hicks.

V. Approval of Agenda **MOTION** to move item #1 under New Business; Phantom Art Gallery Review—Three artists; Hiroko Muramatsu, Anuradha Raja, Therese LaChance Ely to item #1 under Announcements/Correspondence, and move item #1 under Liaison Reports; City Council to item #2 under Announcements/Correspondence because Council Member Giordano has another meeting to attend, per Commissioner Rabe.

M/S: Butler/Foulk Ayes: All

MOTION to approve the Agenda of April 24, 2006, as amended.

M/S: Ogle/McGuire Ayes: All

VI. Approval of Minutes **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of February 27, 2006, as amended, item #2 under New Business; Phantom Art Gallery Review – Golden Hills Art Association; to correctly reflect Maria Emery's title as not the President of the Golden Hills Art Association.

M/S: Foulk/Ettinger Ayes: All

VII. Public Forum Commissioner Jennifer Lind of the Community Advisory Commission (CAC), 1874 Yosemite Drive, Milpitas spoke on behalf of the Commission in regards to the Milpitas Community Outreach feedback form. This is an attempt to find out what the community is like in Milpitas. Any suggestions or any input from the Community is welcome and then passed onto the City Council for action from the Community Advisory Commission. The Staff Liaison, Dennis Carrington will accept the feedback forms. If your feedback form is regarding a law being broken it will be forwarded to the Police Department.

Council Member Giordano asked what kinds of responses have been received. Ms. Lind responded that they've received approximately (30) feedback forms. Council Member Giordano stated she is also the Senior Advisory Commission Liaison and she doesn't remember receiving these feedback forms there. Ms. Lind handed Council Member Giordano a stack of feedback forms for the Senior Advisory Commission.

VIII. Announcements/Correspondence

Council Member Giordano distributed three certificates for dedication of service between January 2005-December 2005 for Commissioners Aragon, Butler, and Hays. The fourth certificate was mailed to the family of past Commissioner Hicks.

New Business

1. Phantom Art Gallery Review – Kathleen Yurchak

Chairperson Rabe announced Hiroko Muramatsu would speak on her artwork of color photography. Ms. Muramatsu has been taking pictures for the last ten years. She has ten portfolios that include 100 or more pictures. Chairperson Rabe announced for the Commission to review over her artwork.

Commissioner Hays inquired about ten pictures or ten portfolios. Ms. Muramatsu stated she has ten portfolios and over one hundred pictures that include landscape, flowers, traveling photos, black/white, and color photos. Commissioner McGuire asked if the frames always black. Ms. Muramatsu stated yes, the black frames suit her artwork the best. Also, her artwork can be as large as 16x20, but usually it's 11x14.

Recreation Services Supervisor, Yurchak stated should the Commission approve Ms. Hiruko Muramatsu her art exhibit would be shown from January 8-March 16, 2007.

MOTION to accept Ms. Hiroko Muramatsu to exhibit her art at the Phantom Art Gallery.

M/S: Hays/McGuire Ayes: All

Chairperson Rabe announced Anu Raja would speak on her artwork of landscape and seascape art. Ms. Raja thanked the Commission for giving her the opportunity to show her work.

The Commission viewed the displayed artwork.

Chairperson Rabe thanked Ms. Raja for applying. Commissioner Foulk inquired about frames. Ms. Raja stated yes. Chairperson Rabe stated was the artist aware she should have framed her art. Supervisor Yurchak stated is that a requirement on the application. Chairperson Rabe stated frames are required for the initial review. Commissioner Foulk stated staff should have reminded the artist of the requirement. Commissioner Hays said she has to see the artwork framed because it would make such a difference.

MOTION to not accept Ms. Anu Raja's application to exhibit her art at the Phantom Art Gallery because she did not follow instructions to bring in framed art.

M/S: Foulk/Butler Ayes: All

Ms. Anu Raja stated that she would speak with Supervisor Yurchak for a date in June. Commissioner Hays requested to bring in different paintings. Commissioner Ettinger requested to bring in oils too. Commissioner Hays asked how many paintings do you have? Ms. Raja stated she has twenty-five paintings. Commissioner Hays requested Ms. Raja to bring in an assortment of paintings with frames. Commissioner Aragon stated she admired her presentation and passion.

MOTION to have Ms. Anu Raja return with an assortment of her art framed for a proper review.

M/S: McGuire/Ogle Ayes: All

Therese LaChance Ely introduced herself and her artwork to the Commission. Her artwork includes watercolor, oil, and gouache media.

Supervisor Yurchak stated if Therese Ely's application is accepted her artwork would be exhibited from May 21-July 13, 2007.

Commissioner Hays asked how long have you been painting? Ms. Ely stated thirteen years. Commissioner Hays asked where do you sell your paintings. Ms. Ely stated she sells her art at the Fremont Art Association Gallery. Commissioner Hays stated where is the Fremont Art Association Gallery. Therese Ely stated it's on Niles Blvd. in the old part of Fremont. Commissioner Hays stated to both artists, Ms. Raja and Ms. Ely how long does it take to do a painting. Ms. Raja responded stating it takes her three days to complete a piece of art and Ms. Ely responded it takes her one week.

MOTION to accept Ms. Therese Ely to exhibit their art at the Phantom Art Gallery.

M/S: Hays/McGuire Ayes: All

Liaison Reports

1. City Council

Council Member Giordano stated at the April 18, 2006, City Council meeting:

- Approved CDBG funding for \$600,963 this is down by \$69,889 due to Federal HUD cut in grant to City.
- Received input from staff and community regarding the Community Outreach meetings on April 10, 2006, regarding budget cuts.
- Authorized staff to negotiate a Project Labor Agreement to ensure that the building of the new library be on time and within budget.
- Chamber of Commerce to hold a forum on discussion of Measure "A" on May 18, 2006, at City Hall.
- Memorandum on Results of Budget Community Meeting & Alternatives to Staff Recommendations to cut Stay & Play, Preschool, and Crossing Guards written by Vice Mayor, Armando Gomez and Council Member Bob Livengood.

IX. Old Business

1. Approved 2006 Work Plan – Chairperson Rabe

Chairperson Rabe stated if anyone would like to start working on a particular item.

Goal: Arts Day

Commissioner Ettinger stated she has information on Arts Day, and she needs help with grant writing. Chairperson Rabe asked if it includes a budget. Commissioner Ettinger stated the Alliance for the Arts would help with volunteers, ribbons, t-shirts just like last year. She contacted First Five and the grant paperwork isn't ready yet. Commissioner Ettinger stated Target would give a grant between the amounts of \$2,000 to \$5,000.00. Supervisor Yurchak stated the Community Center auditorium has been reserved for Arts Day on October 1, 2006. Commissioner Ettinger stated First Five gave us \$2,500.00 last year. She stated there is no date for when the grant paperwork will be ready. Commissioner Ettinger stated she would continue the research.

Goal: Nurture collaborations between the Library and art groups for Literary Art Events.

Commissioner Aragon stated she would like to work on this item, but what does YAC stand for. Chairperson Rabe stated YAC stands for Youth Advisory Commission. Chairperson Rabe stated this item is about poetry; stories, book sales, contests, readings, and you should go to the Library Commission meetings to work with them. Supervisor Yurchak stated you could incorporate this item with Arts Day. She stated a minimal amount of money was used on the first Arts Day event. Supervisor Yurchak stated as a resource use the California Arts Day website for more information.

Goal: Redefine CASP to increase likelihood of funding for new organizations and ensure that new and creative programs are funded, rather than repeating a similar program that was previously funded.

Commissioner Ettinger stated she would like to work on this item. Supervisor Yurchak stated the 2006-2007-grant program has started, but we can now work on 2007-2008.

Goal: Engage community groups, youth organizations and churches to promote sharing of cultural ideas and increase awareness of art and culture.

Chairperson Rabe stated she would like to work on this item. She stated the community meetings for Public Art are to step out to the community. She stated in the past there were Sunday breakfasts held at the Church on Dixon Landing where MAFTA has done it several times. Chairperson Rabe stated it could be a continental breakfast

Supervisor Yurchak suggested to keep this agenda item under Old Business, update the 2006 Work Plan as needed, and include a copy with each meeting packet. Chairperson Rabe stated yes.

Note. Receipt. File.

X. New Business

2. Cultural Arts Support Program Grant Review Subcommittee Selection – Kathleen Yurchak

Supervisor Yurchak stated the subcommittee is to look over grant applications for fiscal year 2006-2007 for the amount of \$15,000.00, and that Rainbow Theatre Director, Anne Kelly would meet after May 19, 2006, with the subcommittee.

Chairperson Rabe, Commissioners Ettinger, McGuire volunteered to be members of the subcommittee.

4. Cataloging City of Milpitas Public Art – Chairperson Rabe

Chairperson Rabe stated we've received and accepted art on behalf of the City. We need to catalog and document the art we have which isn't too many. Chairperson Rabe stated we need volunteers to help document the art by including the date purchased, picture of the art, list where the City received the art. Chairperson Rabe and Commissioner Ogle have volunteered to complete this task.

5. 4th of July Parade Entry

Chairperson Rabe asked if anyone was interested in being in the parade to support the Arts Commission. Supervisor Yurchak stated the application is due by June 6, 2006. Commissioner McGuire stated that more people are in the parade than on the sidewalk. Commissioner Hays stated it was great when the parade ended at the Great Mall and the fireworks were held at the Great Mall. Commissioner Aragon stated does the Milpitas High School have a band. Chairperson Rabe stated the MHS band does not perform in the summer.

Commission did not volunteer to participate in the 2006 City of Milpitas parade.

6. Relay For Life Participation – Chairperson Rabe

Chairperson Rabe stated there were extra monies collected from the flowers purchased for past Commissioner Hicks. She stated she put the monies toward a team for Relay for Life. The event is scheduled for June 23 & 24, 2006, from 7 pm. Chairperson Rabe stated the general information about Relay for Life: You'll receive a t-shirt, to walk you need to get a minimum of \$100.00, 8-20 people in a group, Recreation Services Manager, Bonnie Greiner will also join us. This event is held for sixteen hours where one member of each group has to walk on the track at the Milpitas Sports Center at all times.

Chairperson Rabe stated as a Commission we will participate in this event.

Commissioners Ogle, Butler, Aragon, Ettinger, Hays will either walk or donate money.

7. Cancellation of December 2006 Arts Commission Meeting – Chairperson Rabe

Chairperson Rabe stated should the Commission cancel the December 2006 meeting

MOTION to approve the cancellation of the December 2006 Arts Commission Meeting.

M/S: Foulk/McGuire Ayes: All

MOTION to add a special meeting for January 8, 2007, in place of the cancelled December 2006 Arts Commission Meeting.

M/S: Ettinger/Hays Ayes: All

XI. Staff Reports

XII. Liaison Reports

2. Commissioner CASP Review & Commissioner CASP Sign Up Sheet

Chairperson Rabe stated no one went to the GENCO performance on April 15, 2006.

Commissioner Foulk stated he attended the Fremont Symphony Orchestra on March 23, 2006, and it was delightful. He stated he attends every year.

Commissioner Hays stated she would attend the Milpitas Alliance for the Arts on April 29, 2006.

Chairperson Rabe and Commissioner Butler will attend the Bay Area Showcase Chorus on August 19, 2006.

Chairperson Rabe and Commissioner McGuire will attend the Kaisahan of San Jose Dance Co., Inc. on September 2, 2006.

8. Milpitas Historical Society

Vice Chairperson Ogle stated she attended the USGS (U.S. Geological Survey) presentation on understanding earthquake hazards in the San Francisco Bay region. The presenter performed well and had a huge machine that showed how the earth moves in an earthquake. The presentation included a speech, slide show and demonstration.

XIII. Future Agenda Items

- 2006 Work Plan
- Cataloging City of Milpitas Art

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m., to the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 26, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tirzah Cedillo
Acting Recording Secretary